

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Openbank, chief sponsor of the Angel Nieto team in MotoE

- Openbank has signed an agreement with the Angel Nieto team for the next two seasons. The team will display its corporate logo in the MotoE World Championship on all team media.
- The *Openbank Ángel Nieto MotoETeam* will be represented by riders Nico Terol and María Herrera, the only woman competing in all World Championship categories.
- This year MotoE is using a new six-race competition format focused on the concept of electric motorcycles for a sustainable future.

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Openbank, the Santander Group's 100% digital bank, has reached an agreement with Ángel Nieto Team to become the chief sponsor of the *Openbank Ángel Nieto Team* in MotoE for the next two seasons. MotoE is the new electric motorbike competition for 2019 that has six races in the Motorcycling World Championship.

MotoE is a new style of motorbike racing that takes place in a zero-emission engine competition with the focus on hi-tech and sustainable mobility. During the 2019 season, 18 riders will compete in four rounds (two of them with double races) between July and November as part of the MotoGP events. Sachsenring (Germany), Spielberg (Austria), Misano (San Marino) and Valencia (Valencia) are the chosen circuits. Openbank is the team's main sponsor and the Angel Nieto team will be showing its official logo on all formats.

The Ángel Nieto Team has over 25 years of experience, 11 world titles, 130 victories and a total of 355 podiums under its belt. It is managed by Jorge Martínez 'Aspar', four times world champion and boasts two top level riders such as María Herrera, the only woman competing in the World Motorcycle Championship and the 125cc champion in 2011, Nico Terol. Both riders project the same values that define Openbank: diversity, talent and a forward-looking approach.

Ezequiel Szafir, CEO of Openbank, said: "We are delighted to be part of the new MotoE competition, a format that is committed towards a sustainable future in which technology plays a key role. We are also proud to give our name and to support a team like Openbank Ángel Nieto



Team MotoE, where riders like Nico and María compete in an innovative way, mirroring the same approach used by all Openbank employees.

Jorge Martínez 'Aspar', CEO of the Openbank Ángel Nieto Team MotoE, said: "The electric motorcycles championship and Openbank share the same values and vision of the future. We will meet the challenge together with two great riders of the calibre of Nico Terol and María Herrera. It is wonderful to be able to count on your support and we will work to turn this relationship into a long-term project.

With the Ángel Nieto Team, Openbank is branching out into sponsoring sports, on top of its sponsorship in other fields. Openbank is expanding internationally and has set itself the target of being present in ten markets in the next five years. Openbank currently has more than 1.2 million customers in Spain and customer deposits in excess of 10,000 million euros.